



## Frank Stroncek

July 13, 2005

Stroncek Frank Stanley Stroncek, born November 13, 1927 passed away peacefully on July 10, 2005. He loved to learn and always demonstrated and encouraged excellence. He enjoyed life by fishing, reading, travel, sports, spending time with the family, and working. Preceded in death by his wife, Theresa (married Aug. 19, 1950); parents, Frank (1969) and Mary (1986); brother, George (1982). Survived by brother, Richard (sister-in-law Buttons); sons, Gregory Stroncek (wife, Lea, children, Carolyn, Joanna, Renee, Michael, Frank); David Stroncek (wife, Margaret, children, John, Jackie, Katrina); Steve Stroncek (wife, Pam); and daughter, Kathy Mulally (husband, Steve, sons, Andrew, David); also Verna Stroncek, wife of deceased brother, George. A graduate of Edison High School, Frank entered the US Army in 1946. He graduated from the U of M School of Pharmacy in 1951. He and his brother, Richard, opened Key Rexall Drug in Apache Plaza on Oct. 19, 1961. After a tornado in 1984 resulted in the closing of Key Rexall Drug, he enjoyed a long tenure working and making new friends at Unity Hospital and Cub Pharmacies, nicknamed "Captain" Frank by his friends at Buffalo Cub. He was a tireless and dedicated worker and an honest and trusted professional and businessman. At 76 years of age, he took up flying and soloed at age 77. Only a few hours of flight time separated him from his lifelong dream of becoming a certified pilot. His children and grandchildren held a very special place in his heart. With a half century of memorable fishing trips with family and friends in pristine Lake of the Woods and other areas of Canada, Frank was most

recently pursuing the elusive muskie. In the fall and winter he looked forward to holidays at home, and in Wisconsin or Maryland with his family, and in spring he never missed a graduation. Visitation Wednesday 4 to 8 PM, with a Prayer Vigil at 7 PM at Washburn-McReavy, 4101 Central Ave. NE, Columbia Heights. Reviewal Thursday 9 AM at Immaculate Conception Church, 4030 Jackson St. NE, Columbia Heights, followed by Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Luncheon to follow in the church basement. Burial at Gethsemane Cemetery, 8151 42nd Ave. N., New Hope. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to: Unity Hospital, Attn: Oncology-Stroncek Memorial, 550 Osborne Rd. NE, Fridley, MN 55432. Frank's limitless energy and curiosity, generosity, and kindness will be missed by many people. The family wishes to extend special gratitude to Dr. David King and the dedicated staff -- nursing, pharmacy and specialists - at Unity Hospital. Frank's prolonged hospital stay was brightened daily by the many visitors. GONE FISHIN' Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel 763-789-4436